

Notices to Consignees.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. DENBIGHSHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed that all goods, with the exception of opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. to-day.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the underwriters on or before the 22nd instant, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 18, 1887. 2450

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

STEAMSHIP PARTHIA, FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, AND KOBE.

THE above steamer having arrived, consignees of cargo are hereby requested to send their bills of lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1887. 2424

To-day's Advertisements.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

SMALL POX.

REGULATION MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12 OF ORDINANCE 7 OF 1883, THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1887.

WHENEVER a case of small-pox is shall break out in any house or dwelling, the occupier or keeper of such house or dwelling, or the nearest adult relative of the patient, if the said relative is living in such house or dwelling, shall, on the nature of the case becoming known to him or them, report the same without delay to the nearest Police Station, under a penalty not exceeding One hundred Dollars, such penalty to be recovered as directed by Section 12 of Ordinance 7 of 1883.

ARATHOON SETH, Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Hongkong, December 19, 1887. 2466

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship Diamond.

Capt. McCASLIN, will be

despatched for the above Port to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 19, 1887. 2458

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship Tales.

Capt. HUNTER, will be

despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 19, 1887. 2460

FOR BANGKOK (DIRECT).

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer

Taichow,

Capt. J. NEWTON, will be

despatched for the above

Port on WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 19, 1887. 2461

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENS LAND PORTS, and sailing through

Cargo to NEW ZEALAND,

TASMANIA, &c.)

The Steamer

Cutter,

Capt. DALE, will be

despatched for the above

Port on the 26th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 19, 1887. 2462

To-day's Advertisements.

OWING TO REMOVAL.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. J. MARINDUKE & CO., to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 22nd December, 1887, at 2 p.m., at No. 17, Queen's Road,

SUNDAY FURNITURE, OF THEIR OWN-MADE

CONSISTING OF:

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE IN UTRCHT PLAIN

AND ENGLISH PINE, and in SILK

AND WOOL TAPESTRY, RUSSIAN TAPESTRY; EASY

CHAIRS IN PLUSH, and in TAPESTRY; COUCHES,

PIANO, STOOLS, PATENT ROCKERS,

MUSIC STANDS AND WHATKNOV IN BLACK

OR GOLD. METAL GLASS 50" x 70"

BEVELLED,

CONSOLE GLASS, WITH MARBLE STAND &

MARBLE TOP TABLES, CARD TABLES,

WARDROBE WITH PLATE GLASS DOORS HAND-

CUTLY CARVED, MARBLE-TOP BUREAUX WITH

SWINGING GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASH-

STAND WITH GLASS, DAVENPORT WITH GLASS,

PATENT RECLINING OFFICE CHAIRS,

&c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 19, 1887. 2465

PUBLIO AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER

to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 23rd Instant, at Noon, at H. M. Naval

Yard,

SUNDAY NAVAL & VICTUALLING

CONDENSED STORES,

comprising:

OLD IRON, PAPER, STUFF, HOSIERY,

PEAS, FLOUR, BISCUITS, AND IMPLEMENTS,

&c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 19, 1887. 2464

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM SOURABAYA, SAMARANG,

BATAVIA, SINGAPORE AND

SAIGON.

THE Company's S. S. Bantam, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 10, 1887. 2457

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 17, 1887—

Ying Ching, Chinese steamer, 761, Lin-

Col, Shanghai December 14, General—C.

December 18—

Frigga, German str., 1,400, F. Nagel,

Capt. December 13, General—SIEMSEN &

Co.

Ningpo, British steamer, 762, F. Schulz,

Shanghai Dec. 15, General—SIEMSEN &

Co.

Priam, British steamer, 1,400, S. H.

Butler, Shanghai via Fuchow and Swatow

December 17, General and Tea—BUTTER-

FIELD & SWINE.

Proteus, German steamer, 1,150, C. Schröder,

Bangkok December 7, Rice—EDWARD

SCHELBACH & CO.

Bantam, Dutch str., 1,434, S. C. Schuler,

Bantam, December 12, General—JARDINE,

MATHESON & CO.

Raven, British steamer, 2,045, A. B.

Daniell, Shanghai December 15, Mails and

General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Thief, American steamer, 1,671, T. F.

Creary, Yokohama December 10, Mails and

General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

December 19—

Mefoo, Chinese steamer, from Whampoa,

Kwangtung, British steamer, from Whampoa,

Kwangtung, December 19, 1887. 2460

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet Gacel will

be despatched on TUESDAY, the

20th instant, with Mails for Japan,

San Francisco, the United States,

Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which

will be closed as follows:

2.15 p.m.—Postage cones.

2.30 p.m.—Post-Office closes, but Cor-

respondents may be posted on

The China Mail.

Established February, 1845.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1887.

日五初月一十年亥丁

PRICE, 2/- PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C.; GORDON STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill; GORDON & GORON, Ludgate Circus, E.C.; BATES, HENRY & CO., 31, Walbrook, E.C.; SAMUEL DEADON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street; W. M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C.; J. W. WOOD, 21, Park Row.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMBERT PRINCE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Posts generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORON, Melbourne and Sydney.

CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., The Apothecaries' Office, Colombo.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS CO.—SAVILE & CO., Singapore. O. HENSEL & CO., Manila.

CHINA.—MUSCO, F. A. DE CRUY, Siau-kiang; D'ELPH & CO., Amoy; N. MOALIE, Foochow; HANCOCK & CO., Shanghai; LAYK, CHAWYOUNG & CO., and KELLY & WAGH, Yokohama; LARK, CHAWYOUNG & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1. The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
2. Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
3. Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
4. Interest at the rate of 3*1/2* per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
5. Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
6. Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business* is forwarded free by the various British Post-Offices in Hongkong and China.
7. Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
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Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 754

THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Manager.
Shanghai, Ewen CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
INTEREST DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

ON Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 months, 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 30, 1887. 303

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.
Mr. J. S. SHOOKER has ceased to
serve our Firm per Procuration from
the 15th instant.

S. J. DAVID & CO.
Hongkong, December 16, 1887. 2449

Intimations.

J. D. KILEY,
SAIL-MAKER.

TENTS, AWNINGS AND
FLAGS.

No. 23, Praya Central,
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 1, 1887. 2135

NOTICE.

G. E. S. SMITH,
IVINE MERCHANT,
SHANGHAI.

Agents:

NOVTON & CO.,
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, October 1, 1887. 1918

Intimations.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONOKONG,
No. 1165.

A N Emergency MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the Freemason's
HALL, Zetland Street, THIS
EVENING, the 19th instant, at 8.30
for 9 p.m. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially
INVITED.

Hongkong, December 19, 1887. 2429

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TENDERS will be Received at this
Office up till Noon of TUESDAY, the
20th instant, for the Sole Privilege of
SLAUGHTERING CATTLE within the
Colony for 12 months, commencing on the
1st January, 1888.

For further Particulars apply at this
Office.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, December 12, 1887. 2426

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TENDERS will be Received at this
Office until Noon of TUESDAY, the
20th Inst., for the Privilege of FARMING
the DIFFERENT GROUPS OF QUAR-
RIES (separately or conjointly) which form
the GOVERNMENT QUARRYING MONOPOLY,
for the year 1888.

Form of Tender and further Particulars
may be obtained at this Office.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, December 12, 1887. 2427

P. & O. S. N. COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

PASSENGERS can at the
present time of the year
engage Berths through to
Europe, via Bombay, without
change of steamer or increase
of fare.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

3rd December, 1887. 2353

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL
TRAMWAYS COMPANY,
LIMITED.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 10, 1887. 2401

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS
COMPANY, LIMITED.

(TELEPHONE 21),
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, December 19, 1887.

2463

W. POWELL & CO.

Kid Gloves! Kid Gloves!! Kid Gloves!!!

LADIES' BLACK, COLOURED and WHITE KID GLOVES.

LADIES' SUÈDE GLOVES—8, 15, 20 Buttons.

LADIES' FUR-LINED KID GLOVES.

GENTLEMEN'S WHITE and LAVENDER KID GLOVES.

GENTLEMEN'S COLOURED KID GLOVES.

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CASHMERE and CLOTH GLOVES.

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the
Articles of Association, the General
Agents, with approval of the Consulting
Committee, will on the 2nd January, 1888,
ISSUE INTEREST WARRANTS of 95 per
share, payable at the HONGKONG & SHANG-
HAI BANKING CORPORATION, the same being
at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum on
the paid up Capital of the Office for the
year 1887, and notice is hereby given that
in order that the same may be adjusted the
Transfer BOOKS of the Office will be
CLOSED from the 19th to 31st instant,
both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, December 15, 1887. 2437

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are Sole Agents for
Hongkong and Manila for the Sale of
THE MONTSERRAT LIME JUICE,
AND

THE MONTSERRAT LIME JUICE
CORDIALS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, May 3, 1887. 864

ROBES ET CONFETIONS

FRENCH DRESS-MAKER.

MRS. C. HEYMANS,

35, WELLINGTON STREET,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 1, 1887. 2135

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, October 1, 1887. 1918

DIPLOMA IN PARIS IN 1884.

Hongkong, October 1, 1887. 1925

THE ONLY FRENCH DRESS-MAKER

IN HONGKONG.

Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 1925

Intimations.

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
HAVE NOW OPENED THEIR NEW STOCK OF
FANCY GOODS AND DELICACIES
Suitable for the Festive Season.

Christmas & New Year
Presents.

ALL THE LATEST NOVELTIES.

LADIES' HAND BAGS. DRESSING CASES and BAGS.
PORTFOLIO ALBUMS. NAIL SETS in Cases.
POCKET BOOKS and PURSES. JEWEL and WORK BOXES.
PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES & CASES. CIGAR CABINETS.
FLOWER HOLDERS. MANTEL ORNAMENTS.
INKSTANDS. TABLE LAMPS.

NEW ONYX WARE. NEW EMBOSSED LEATHER.
A HANDSOME TABLE FOUNTAIN.

A SPLENDID COLLECTION OF PRESENTS.

CHILDREN'S MECHANICAL TOYS
CARVED MEERSCHAUM PIPES and CIGAR HOLDERS.
CIGAR and CIGARETTE CASES, TOBACCO BOXES.

BEAUTIFULLY BOUND PRESENTATION BOOKS,
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CARDS.

Electro-Plated Ware:
A Splendid Selection of Useful PRESENTS.

CHRISTMAS DELICACIES:
Best English and French Brands.

SOUPS, FISH, GAME, PATTIES, TONGUES, SAUCES, SPIES, VEGETABLES,
DESSERT FRUITS, &c. & &c.

New Season's Illustrations, Smyrna Jigs, Apples, Elbas Plums.
Nuts:—Almonds in Shells, Brazil, Filberts and Barcelona.

PLUM PUDDINGS AND MINCE MEAT.

HUNTLEY AND PALMERS

CHRISTMAS CAKE.

A warren in the *Shanghai Courier* strongly advocates the general adoption in China of Volpuk, which he says would knit together, the various Provinces now separated by different dialects, almost amounting to different languages.

At a meeting of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1,026, held on Saturday evening, Bro. W. Boffey was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Very Worshipful Bro. Gower, the Deputy District Grand Master. Wor. Bro. Boffey then invested his officers as follows:—S.W. Bro. J. E. Edmunds; J.W. Bro. C. H. Harms; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. P. Bonjeon; Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Ost; Secretary, Bro. G. J. W. King; S.D. Bro. L. B. Connor (abacab); D.D. Bro. L. K. Davis; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. M. P. Bonjeon; I.G. Bro. H. Sheppard; Tyler, Bro. J. R. Grindle.

This Russian corvette *Vitiaz*, Captain Makarov, and the French frigate *Turenne*, Captain Dupuis, arrived at Yokohama from Nagasaki on the 10th inst.

The twenty-four hour system of measuring time has been adopted on all the lines controlled by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

The *Minuchi Shimbun* hears that the fact that Mr. Iwasaki, the wealthiest merchant in Japan, is largely purchasing Chinese bonds may be regarded as the principal cause of the recent over-exportation of Japanese silver coin to that country.

The *N. Y. Daily News* says:—We learn that the rumour of the death of the Seventh Prince, which we mentioned the other day as having current in Tientsin, arose from his having had a fainting fit. H.M. the Emperor gave orders, when this occurred, to have the way between the Palace and Prince Chun's residence put in order as he and the Emperor intended visiting the Prince on the 9th instant.

The *Long Firm* now practising in Egypt has included Yokohama in the scope of its attempted swindles, and the *Japan Mail* prints a letter received by a firm there, in which the second of a three draft for £220 was enclosed, the address being requested to negotiate it and ship the proceeds to Rice, Pekhoo and Souchong to Port Said. They had written the same firm previously, they say, and received no answer, and they attribute the silence to 'the distance which separates our two places.'

Messrs. Inaya, Uchida, and Terada, wealthy merchants in Tokio, are said to have applied to the Japanese Government for permission to establish a company, to be called the Siam Exchange Company, for the purpose of exporting the sea products and fancy goods of that country to Siam and importing the products of that country. The capital of the company is stated to be yen 100,000.—*Japan Gazette*.

A LABOR iron strong-room door, weighing two tons, was being put up at the new premises for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Yokohama, when it slipped, falling on the hands of Mr. J. D. Black, architect, and Mr. G. Warnecke, foreman of Kildoy & Co., and a Japanese workman. Mr. Black had two fingers amputated, Mr. Warnecke will probably lose two fingers, and the Japanese also lost two fingers.

A TELEGRAM in the *San Francisco Chronicle* reads:—New York, November 17.—Reports were current on Wall-street to-day that the transcontinental lines would give the Pacific Mail Steamship Company \$60,000 per month of through freight and that the competition with the new Spanish coast line will also be settled. Russell Sage says negotiations are in progress for a settlement with the transcontinental lines, but nothing definite has been determined yet, although he expects it would be shortly.

PREPARETORY work for the proposed Nicaragua Canal between the Atlantic and Pacific is being seriously undertaken. On the first of this month there were to be ten parties of engineers in the field, and this preliminary work is expected to last from one to two years, the completion of the canal, from the time when excavation is actually commenced, being estimated to require six years. The canal is to have a width of 120 feet on the bottom, and there is to be nowhere less than 28 feet of water in it, the total cost being put at from £12,000,000 to £15,000,000 sterling.

The *Jiji Shimpō*, in an article on the match industry in Kobe, notes the rapid development of the trade which has taken place lately. About nine years ago Japanese matches began to be extensively exported to China. Competition naturally arose, however, and led to the production of an inferior article, and as a result the demand for Japanese matches quickly decreased. Many hitherto prosperous firms had to close, and for some time the trade in matches in Japan was considerably crippled, difficulty being experienced even in supplying the domestic demand. After an interval of about three years, however, an improvement took place and the demand in Hongkong, Shanghai, and other places was greatly increased, with the result that the industry has sprung into life at Kobe. There are at least three large factories employing from 700 to 1,000 hands, and thirteen smaller factories give employment to from 300 to 400 work-people.

CHINESE MISSION TO EUROPE.—The *N. Y. Daily News* says:—The object of the Mission of Enquiry from Peking to various European Capitals, having started in Shanghai, and will shortly proceed on their Mission, which is to collect information on military and naval matters, and on the latest improvements in modern modes of warfare, offensive and defensive, to Europe. We also believe that this is the first regular step of the Chinese Government to collect information in this manner from Western nations. What fruit will be borne by the mission, however, remains to be seen. The members have been very carefully selected and are said to be unusually accomplished and erudite men, of whom three being members of the Peking College. Two young Manchu gentlemen, both members of the College of Peking, will accompany the mission in the capacity of interpreters, one for English and the other for French, and physically, as well as intellectually, these young Manchus are very creditable specimens of the ruling race in China. The mission will first proceed to London, and afterwards to France and other European countries, as well as to Algeria. Their expenses will be borne by the Imperial government, on whose instructions they are to act. Yesterday they paid a visit to Mr. F. J. Hughes, H. B. M.'s Consul-General, with whom they had a long interview. They will, no doubt, leave Shanghai for another week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SANITARY COMMISSION.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

10th December.

Sir,—Referring to my letter in your Saturday's edition, I say the Government Gazette that rumour, also turns out to be only too true regarding the composition of the Commission to inquire into the cause of the fever, and that the Governor has been led astray into appointing a Commissioner consisting entirely of medical men. Now some of these men have told their patients all along that the fever is of a pure material type, (which now appears to be open to question); others, that it is caused entirely by the earth cutting others, again, that it is brought in by the sun, and so on. We shall therefore have each one trying to work out his own particular theory, for will one and all be very loath to have to admit that what they have told their patients all along is not true. Again, seeing that all the leading doctors are on the Commission, it leaves hardly any of the profession for them to examine, or is it intended that the balance of the Commission are to take it in turns to examine some of themselves, as, if so, this would result in some very pretty fencing, which, as over examination must be held in public, will be rather sport.

How the Surveyor General must be laughing up his sleeve at the way he has worked matters, and the ease with which he will be able to bamboozle the Commission. Indeed, without an Engineer on the Commission, this their chief witness, with regard to the engineering part of the question, they will be quite unable to examine effectively, and they will thus be driven to glean what information they may be able to draw out of his subordinates in the office and the overseers, who had the actual carrying out of the work, all of whom will naturally endeavour to shield the head of their Department. Legally also, unless the Crown Solicitor is present at all their meetings and direct the whole proceeding, they must surely come to grief, and the true cause of the fever will remain the mystery now, is, to kill and destroy the constitution of its victims at its own sweet will.—Yours,

INVESTIGATOR.

THE SANITARY COMMISSION.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue the following commission to inquire into the causes of fever in the Western District:—

Whereas it is expedient that a Commission should be appointed to inquire into the statements made in a Petition from the residents in the Western District of the City of Victoria to enquire into the causes of fever referred to therein; and to recommend such remedial measures as may be deemed requisite; Now therefore I, G. William Des Voeux, Knight Commander of the most distinguished order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, in Executive Council assembled, do hereby

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BIKELEY ADDRESSES BY GOVERNOR USING MARY HOUSES.

London, Nov. 12.—The six days' race between Woodstock and Uxbridge, on bicycles, and two American cowboys on horses, to-night in Agricultural Hall. The cowboys, who were allowed to use an unlimited number of horses, won the race by two miles and 350 yards.

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THE IRISH AGITATION.

Dublin, November 12.—The Court of Queen's Bench has quashed the verdict of the Coroner's Jury at Mitchelstown in the case of the victims of the police shooting on the 6th of September. The court takes the ground that the inquest was illegal, the jury irregularly impaneled, and the Coroner's conduct was illegal and partial.

The verdict of wilful murder against George Freeman and eight emergency men for shooting old man Kelly at Coalisland, Co. Tyrone, was confirmed.

With respect also for the purpose of this Commission, to enter and view any premises:

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Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, in Executive Council, this 17th day of December, 1887.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer City of

Montreal, arrived to-day with the American mail of the 19th Nov. We take the following telegram from our exchanges:—

THE PRINCE OF WALES' BIRTHDAY.

London, Nov. 12.—The Prince of Wales' birthday was kept by his Royal Highness in comparative loneliness at Sandringham, as a bachelor's dinner-party can be called a lonely affair.

The young Duke de Orleans, eldest son of the Comte de Paris, will arrive at San Francisco in the spring and make a tour of the United States. He is now 18 years of age.

The ex-Emperor Eugene is to pass the winter at Naples, and will make a short stay in Switzerland en route.

THE EMPEROR'S HEALTH FAILING.

London, November 17th.—Visitors to

Tallarno Hall declare that O'Brien is

greatly changed and that he refuses to

take nourishing food. He is getting weaker under prison treatment. His friends fully expect his death, as he comes of a consumptive family.

The excitement among the Irish here is

intense with respect to Parnell's continued

silence. Wild spirits are getting the upper hand.

The downward movement of rent-rolls in

Ireland is shown by the determination of

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At a meeting of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1,026, held on Saturday evening, Bro. W. Boffey was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Very Worshipful Bro. Gower, the Deputy District Grand Master. Wor. Bro. Boffey then invested his officers as follows:—S.W. Bro. J. E. Edmunds; J.W. Bro. C. H. Harms; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. P. Bonjeon; Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Ost; Secretary, Bro. G. J. W. King; S.D. Bro. L. B. Connor (abacab); D.D. Bro. L. K. Davis; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. M. P. Bonjeon; I.G. Bro. H. Sheppard; Tyler, Bro. J. R. Grindle.

THE LONDON RIOTS.

London, November 10.—London was to-day shrouded with a black fog, following a sharp, heavy frost. This necessitated the partial suspension of traffic and made a demonstration in Hyde Park against the police impossible. It is now said that a more earnest attempt will be made to capture Trafalgar square next Sunday. Fully 2,000 special constables have been enrolled to relieve the already over-worked force.

At a meeting of the Radical clubs and social

clubs, held this evening, it was resolved to

send a small deputation to Trafalgar square.

The object of the latter move is to make

further advances on Russian securities.

During an eviction near Dartmoor to-day four policemen, several bailiffs and twenty spectators were injured. The members of the evicted family escaped from the house by an underground passage.

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GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, from the 1st January, at present in the occupation of Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Apply to DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, December 3, 1887. 504

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SUITE OF ROOMS fronting the Praya and Pedder's Street upon the Ground Floor of Building recently occupied by Messrs. MELCHERS & Co.

These Premises are well adapted for OFFICES or STORES.

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Apply to SHARP & Co., Estate Agents, Marine House, Hongkong, December 10, 1887. 2408

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A Comfortable FOUR or SIX ROOMED HOUSE Furnished or Unfurnished in RICHMOND TERRACE, with use of TENNIS COURT.

Apply to JOHN WILLMOTT, Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong, December 16, 1887. 2159

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TWO DESIRABLE RESIDENCES situated in Cain Road, West end Terrace opposite to Rose Villas.

Apply to No. 14, CAINE ROAD, Hongkong, October 31, 1887. 2130

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In appearance the Brick is light and soft as compared with the ordinary Fire Brick used in the Colony, but this I may say is characteristic of the best English Fire Brick.

After a very severe test I have no hesitation in saying that this Brick is admirably suited to resist any degree of heat that may be likely to undergo and for all purposes that Fire Bricks are used for.

I am now about to build them into one of my Furnaces and have no doubt of their being able to stand as well as the English Fire Bricks I have been using.

Hongkong, May 23, 1887. 981

SAILORS HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1887.

INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

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Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

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WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, December 2, 1887. 2349

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Fire Department.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1887. 496

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Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.; Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 24th December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

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For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 28, 1887. 2320

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1887. 2435

U. S. MAIL LINE.

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THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF NEW YORK* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama and Honolulu, on THURSDAY, the 29th December, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

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Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, December 9, 1887. 2387

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Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with San Francisco, by the regular Steamers of the PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, December 10, 1887. 2408

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALLIS ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J. Phillips & Wilete & Co.

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WALTER SIMON兹, British barque, Capt. Lawrence.—Chinese.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven cells, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *A*, and those in the body of the Harbour are marked *B*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
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5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.
6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
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G. H. Wappaus Brit. bge.